

IDF kills two gunmen in security zone

IDF TROOPS shot and killed two gunmen inside the security zone following a clash late on Tuesday night which continued into the early hours of yesterday morning.

The army spokesman said a unit from the paratroop regiment was on operational duties north of Kantara village in the central sector of the zone when they encountered the gunmen.

The troops charged and opened fire at the gunmen, killing one of them in the gunfight. The second gunman managed to flee but was subsequently tracked down and killed.

Reports from the region said documents found on the bodies indicated they were Palestinians

who had probably been on a mission to attack IDF or South Lebanese Army targets in the zone.

The clash - the second between IDF troops and gunmen in the zone within a week - occurred in difficult hilly terrain. Rifles and other weapons were found alongside the bodies of the gunmen.

Reports from Lebanon said there had also been relatively heavy shelling by IDF gunners in the same region around the time of the clash and afterwards.

The reports said Hizbullah sources denied that the two gunmen were members of it.

The previous clash between IDF troops and gunmen in the zone occurred last Thursday along the coastal road between Rosh

DAVID RUDGE

Hanikra and Ras Bayyada, when a patrol of Givati Brigade soldiers was ambushed.

A Hizbullah gunman was killed in that incident and two soldiers were lightly wounded.

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Mordechai visited the scene of the latest clash yesterday and praised the actions of the troops involved.

He said that as long as there was no alternative force capable of ensuring peace and quiet in the region, the IDF would remain responsible for protecting northern settlements.

Mordechai said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin made it clear on

several occasions that when there were forces capable of ensuring the security of northern settlements and the rights of the IDF's allies in south Lebanon, it would be possible to reach peace agreements, but there were some elements which did not want such accords to be achieved.

On a different matter, Lebanese newspapers quoted Prime Minister Rafik Hariri as saying he had been informed by the UNIFIL command that there were indications the IDF would soon lift its siege of Yochmor village, just north of the security zone.

The newspapers reported that a special envoy had been sent from UNIFIL to Hariri with the message.

The newspapers said sources close to Hariri rejected suggestions that the Lebanese Army would deploy in the area to stop "resistance operations" in return for the lifting of the siege on Yochmor.

Amal leader Nabih Beri earlier criticized the US for not putting pressure on Israel to end the blockade of the village, which began over a month ago.

The IDF was said to have blocked the main access road to the village because its residents were believed to be collaborating with Hizbullah.

Military sources denied at the time that the IDF was preventing supplies of food, water and medicines from reaching Yochmor.

Darawshe wants to lead Israeli peace delegation to Iraq

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

MK Abdul Wahab Darawshe (Democratic Arab Party) said yesterday that he hopes to bring an Israeli delegation to Iraq to discuss drawing Baghdad into the peace process.

The delegation would be comprised of 10 Arabs and 10 Jews, including several born in Iraq, Darawshe told foreign journalists here. He said that the 20 have already been selected, but refused to divulge their names.

Darawshe said he has sent a fax to Iraq's UN ambassador, Nizar Hamdoun, requesting a meeting in New York next week to discuss the idea, but has not yet received a response.

He will also raise the proposal with US peace team members Aaron Miller and Daniel Kurtzer and Ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich, all of whom Darawshe is scheduled to meet in the coming days.

"If we try to find a comprehensive and just solution to the conflict in the Middle East, we cannot neglect Iraq," Darawshe said. "Iraq has a very important position as a strong country in the area... so I believe Israel must find ways to talk with Iraq. And I think it's an Israeli interest, an Iraqi interest, and an interest for any peace lovers."

The agenda for such a trip would be threefold, Darawshe said: Discussing the lifting of UN sanctions on Iraq; providing Iraq "a chance to integrate into the peace process"; and visiting with members of the Iraqi Jewish community, whom Darawshe said "are living as equal citizens" there.

Palestinian collaborator petitions court for job, housing

EVELYN GORDON

A PALESTINIAN collaborator petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday demanding that Israel grant him a residency permit and help him obtain a job and housing.

According to attorney Yossi Shaked, who filed the petition, the petitioner, originally from Jenin, began "to identify with Israel's interests" shortly after the start of the intifada, and started working for the General Security Service. However, when his fellow Palestinians discovered that he was helping Israel, he suffered severe damage. His business was burned; he and members of his family were beaten up; and threats were made against his life, Shaked said.

Now, as a result of his assistance to Israel, he is cut off from his family, for their own protection, and without any source of income, Shaked said. He is therefore utterly dependent on the GSS.

Despite repeated promises, however, the GSS has refused to protect him, arrange a residency permit or help him obtain employment and housing, Shaked said.

Shaked charged that part of the reason for the GSS's poor treatment of the man is that since the agreement with the PLO, the GSS feels less in need of his services.

"Before, when they needed him, they wouldn't have treated him so poorly," he said.

The petition argues that because of his past services to the state, the state owes the petitioner the assistance he is requesting.

CLARIFICATION

Yeshivat Ma'ayan Herzl is not connected to Yeshivat Ma'arav Ha'arav as reported on August 7.



Some of the several hundred Palestinian prisoners, who were allowed into Jericho in May, demonstrate yesterday against Israel's refusal to allow them to leave the city and in favor of the release of all remaining prisoners. (Reuters)

Abu Ala calls for trilateral negotiations

LAMA LAHOU

ISRAEL, Jordan, and the Palestinians should hold trilateral negotiations, Ahmed Qurei (Abu Ala) told The Jerusalem Post this week.

Qurei, who holds the Palestinian portfolio for Economics, Industry, and Trade, said he opposes last week's agreement between Israel and Jordan on trade between Jordan and the territories. Having worked hard for good relations with Jordan, he said, he was disappointed that the Jordanians signed the agreement while the Palestinians are negotiating early empowerment in the territories with Israel.

"This agreement should have been signed with the Palestinians at a later stage, especially since most of the trade items are vital to the Palestinian economy, like textiles, sweets, and aluminum," he said.

But he does not believe that it is too late to establish better relations with Jordan and to enter trilateral talks. "There is no alternative to trilateral talks and coordination and understanding between the three sides," he said.

Another Palestinian source confirmed that the Palestinian authority had agreed in principle to participate in trilateral negotiations, but said there are still some issues to be resolved. According to the source, the Palestinians would like the Europeans to be present at the talks. So far only the US is represented in the bilateral talks between Israel and Jordan.

According to Qurei, the Palestinians must now concentrate on establishing good relations with their Arab neighbors, especially Jordan. A high level Palestinian delegation headed by Yasser Abbed Rabbo, who holds the Information portfolio, left for Jordan yesterday to discuss a series of issues, including those relating to the economy, said Samir Hulleib, director of trade for the Palestinian authority.

Qurei is in the process of building up his economic authority in Gaza and Jericho. He said the offices in Gaza are beginning to func-

tion, while he is still looking for suitable offices in Jericho. "I am on the road between Gaza, Jericho, and different West Bank towns. I don't have one fixed office yet," he said that he is setting up local councils of businessmen and industrialists all over the territories, who will advise the authority on their needs and on priorities in their regions.

Qurei fears that the authority is concentrating too much on Gaza, while it should increase its presence in Jericho and the territories. "For Gaza we don't have competitors, no one wants it. But for the West Bank we have more than one competitor," he said hinting at the possibility of a deal between Israel and Jordan over the territories and east Jerusalem. Qurei said one of the reasons the Palestinian authority is concentrated in Gaza is that Yasser Arafat still can't move around freely between Gaza and Jericho.

Qurei was speaking at his office in the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction, in Dahieh near Jerusalem.

Beilin: I said 'on' not 'from' the Golan

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin spoke of a withdrawal "on the Golan," the Foreign Ministry spokesman announced yesterday, in reaction to reports that Beilin had told reporters in Scandinavia that Israel was willing to withdraw "from" the Golan.

"It would be stupid for Israel to enter negotiations having already declared its acceptance of the Syrian position," Beilin said yesterday.

The ministry said in a statement that the reports were "completely false."

The Golan Settlers Committee yesterday called on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to immediately dismiss Beilin following the latter's reported comments.

Beilin, who is still in Scandinavia, said yesterday that he had not deviated from the stance of Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

He told Israeli reporters that the press in Scandinavia had misconstrued his comments. Beilin maintained he had said that Israel was ready to withdraw "on" the Golan but not "from" the Golan.

The clarification, however, did little to ease the anger or concern of Jewish residents of the Golan.

"Somebody who states matters clearly is clearly understood," said Uri Heitner, spokesman for the Golan Settlers Committee.

Heitner maintained that Beilin's reported comments of a complete withdrawal from the Golan were in contradiction to the government's stance until now.

"Somebody who makes such public comments, in our opinion, is not suitable to remain in his post even for one day," said Heitner.

"If this is indeed the case, then the government should resign forthwith because it does not have a mandate from the electorate to

allow the Syrians back to the shore of Lake Kinneret," said Heitner. Hermon residents to fight alone, Page 3

NEWSLINE

with Dr. FRANCO FIORENTINI

Dr. Fiorentini, a medical doctor, is special assistant to Irene Pivetti, president of the Chamber of Deputies of the Italian parliament. He is also a Milan city councillor for the Lega Nord, one of three right-wing parties which comprise the Italian government coalition. Fiorentini is currently visiting Israel for the first time.

Does it not bother you, as an avowed Jew, to work so closely with Irene Pivetti, who has gone on record as saying that the Jews were responsible for killing Jesus, a view no longer espoused even by the Vatican?

We have worked together for four years. She is a proud Catholic and I am a proud Jew. Ms. Pivetti has stated that she believes politics and religion must be kept separate. As soon as she was appointed, she met the Israeli ambassador and the chief rabbi to explain that she was incorrectly quoted [on the issue], and that she is not antisemitic. She knows I'm a great Zionist and a proud Jew and [she] chose to work with me. Perhaps you serve as some sort of fig leaf for her?

That was never true in the past, it is not true now and will not be true in the future. Our party is democratic, federalist [in favor of a loose link between north and south Italy] and antifascist.

Does it not make you uncomfortable to belong to a coalition with the neo-fascist National Alliance (AN), which has embraced the Italian Social Movement with former supporters of Mussolini?

I am a representative of the Lega Nord and am not here to defend the AN. But I can say it has cut its ties with the past and declared it's not neo-fascist even though it is right wing. They have expelled from their ranks anyone with hankering for fascism, and are the first today to condemn racists and skinheads. Alliance head Jean-Franco Fini would like to visit Israel.

They have been condemned by members of the Jewish community....

In the past months [since the coalition was formed], they have proved that they are completely democratic and very supportive of Israel. I personally would not support them, but there are some Jews who do. It is a coalition of "no alternative," like between the extreme right [Likud] and extreme left [Meretz] in the Tel Aviv municipality.

There are also accusations that the Lega Nord is xenophobic. Is this true of your party?

Those accusations are crazy. They sprang from parties interested in stemming our growing popularity like former premier Bettino Craxi and his Socialists. Look where Craxi is now: Interpol is looking for him in Tunisia after he fled a 17-year jail sentence for his scandalous acts. The Lega's separatist policies, aimed at breaking away from the close ties with the south, have perhaps led some people to think we are racist. We have just joined the Liberal Democrats in the European Parliament.

You met Tel Aviv Mayor Roni Milo yesterday. Did you find him a "right-wing extremist"?

That is the way his party is portrayed in the Italian press. What was the purpose of your meeting?

In my capacity as a Milan city councillor, we arranged for the twinning of our two cities, something which was put off by the Socialists for years. We also have a twinning agreement between Tel Hashomer Hospital and Milan's leading hospital, San Carlo. The Minister of Health of Lombardy will come here next week to study Israeli health models. We have a lot to learn from Israel. We also hope to arrange for Italian patients to be hospitalized here like in other European hospitals of their choice.

You describe yourself as a Zionist. What does that mean to you?

I want to work on behalf of Israel with the new Italian government. I plan to come here frequently. I have also started studying Hebrew. Basheva Tsur

Beduin settlement near Bethlehem asks court to order return of running water

JON IMMANUEL

OBEIDIYYA, a Beduin settlement near Bethlehem, petitioned the High Court of Justice earlier this week to have its running water restored after it was disrupted more than three months ago.

On May 12, pumps suddenly stopped bringing water to Obeidiyya, which is located some 100 meters above surrounding Arab and Israeli settlements.

Obeidiyya residents insist the civil administration has ensured that pumps bring water to the Jewish settlements, but not higher Arab ones.

The village now pays NIS 15 a cubic meter for water brought in by truck, compared to less than NIS 3 per cubic meter for the tap water it enjoyed until the system was disrupted, according to Shukry Hassan Kadda, who submitted an affidavit to the court.

Until 1990, Obeidiyya did not have a modern water system and relied on rainwater collected in cisterns. The

UN Development Program financed an on-tap system, but the cisterns were neglected, rainwater was not stored and Obeidiyya became totally dependent on Israel for access to water.

"Now there is no water coming through," Kadda said. "Many residents have thousands of sheep and goats which need water daily."

Civil administration spokeswoman Maj. Elise Shazar said there has been no discrimination, since many villages, including Jewish settlements, have suffered from a shortage of pressure in their water pipes this summer.

"We are working on a booster to get the water up to the village," she said. "New settlements, Jewish and Arab, were connected to the system, reducing the power of the pumps, even though there is 20 percent to 30% more water in the system."

She anticipated that the booster would be ready within three weeks. The High Court did not set a date for hearing the village's petition.

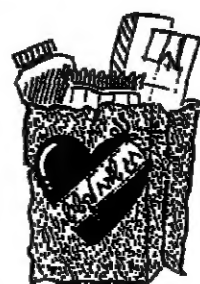
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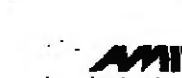
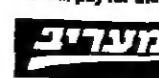
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UN: Rwanda death toll may be over a million

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THE final death toll in the bloodbath in the central African state of Rwanda could be well over one million, a UN official said yesterday.

Charles Petric, deputy coordinator of the UN Rwanda Emergency Office (UNREO) told Reuters: "I don't think one million would be an exaggerated figure."

Petric's estimate was backed by a senior aid worker who said his organization had put the deaths, mainly from massacres of minority Tutsis and moderate Hutu government opponents, at around 1.5 million. He declined to be identified.

The previous estimate for the loss of life had been 500,000, a figure given by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) last May, only weeks after the start of the carnage.

Rwanda's bloodbath began with the April 6 killing of Hutu strongman Major-General Juvenal Habyarimana who had ruled the country with an iron hand since he took over in a coup in 1973.

Following his death, Hutu extremists and members of his fiercely loyal French-trained pres-

idential guard took revenge targeting mainly Tutsis and opposition Hutus.

At the same time the Tutsi-dominated Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) launched a new phase in an offensive against the Hutu government, which began with an invasion from Uganda in 1990.

The RPF has now taken power in the capital Kigali, with more than one million Hutu refugees frightened of reprisals huddling just inside Zaire, where thousands have perished in disease-ridden camps after fleeing the new rulers.

Petric and other aid organizations reckoned the overall Rwanda death toll by working from census figures.

A census taken in 1992 gave Rwanda's population as seven million. Many experts believe that figure to be low and say the actual population stood at 7.5 million at that time. The UN World Food Programme says it was as high as 7.9 million.

In May, some 300,000 Rwandans, mainly Hutus, fled the RPF advance on Kigali and sought refuge in Tanzania.

The fall of Kigali and remaining government strongholds sent a flood of Hutus estimated at one time at more than one million to Goma in eastern Zaire and another



A Rwandan refugee woman waits in line for food at an impromptu feeding station some 20 miles from Bukavu, Zaire yesterday. (AP)

300,000 to nearby Bukavu. More than 800,000 remain in camps around Goma even after more Hutus crossed into Zaire with the departure of French troops protecting a self-zone area around Goma at the weekend.

Some 250,000 took refuge in neighbouring Burundi which has the same tribal mixup as Rwanda.

The fate and whereabouts of the others can only be guessed. "Where are the people? That is the big question. It is difficult to have precise figures and no one can explain where the people are," said Marjolaine Martin, deputy chief delegate of the ICRC in Rwanda.

A United Nations commission set up to investigate the killings has asked Western governments to provide 100 forensic experts to excavate mass graves in Rwanda and 100 lawyers to help document crimes including "possible genocide".

The three-member panel leaves on Saturday for Rwanda on a two-week mission to probe charges that the former Hutu government orchestrated a campaign to wipe out minority Tutsis.

It will also investigate allegations by officials of the ousted Hutu government that members of the victorious RPF army also committed massacres. (Reuters)

Pakistan denies nuclear bomb claims

ISLAMABAD (AP) - The government yesterday emphatically denied it had a nuclear bomb, and said a former prime minister was only scoring political points when he claimed Pakistan built one.

"I want to say categorically that Pakistan does not have nuclear weapons and does not intend to make nuclear weapons," Foreign Minister Sardar Asf Ali said in an interview on state television.

Asf Ali and several other officials reiterated the country's longstanding position that it has the components and the know-how to make atomic bombs, but has not done so.

But the latest row has again raised questions about Pakistan's nuclear program and regional stability in South Asia, where archival India is also considered capable of making atomic bombs.

Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif, who heads the main opposition, sparked the fuss Tuesday saying "I confirm that Pakistan possesses the atomic bomb."

Sharif made the comment in a speech at Neela Butt, part of the disputed Kashmir territory controlled by Pakistan.

When Sharif was prime minister from 1990-93, he said Pakistan did not possess atomic weapons. He gave no indication of when Pakistan assembled a nuclear bomb.

Sharif, who lost a close election to Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto last year, has made a string of controversial statements recently as part of his campaign to bring down her government.

Sharif's comment was "a political statement made by a politician" and should be seen in that perspective, said Muzir Akram, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry. "The former prime minister didn't make such a statement when he was prime minister."

In India, opposition legislators demanded a new debate on the country's security readiness.

"The declaration made by Sharif, who might be trying to become prime minister again, was a matter

of grave concern for national security," said Atal Behari Vajpayee, leader of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party in the Lok Sabha, the lower house of India's Parliament.

India conducted a successful nuclear test in 1974 and few doubt its ability to make atomic weapons. Officially, India is intentionally vague about its capabilities.

"India has simply said that we keep our options open in terms of security," Salman Khursheed, India's junior foreign minister, said in a television interview. "We've never claimed we have the bomb."

The United States has tried without success to persuade the two South Asian states to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

In both countries, nuclear programs are highly popular among political and military leaders.

Successive Pakistani governments have said the nuclear program is peaceful and there is no intention to make a bomb.

Iran demands US apology over bomb allegations

NICOSIA (AP) - Iran yesterday demanded an apology from the United States for implicating it in the explosion that killed 95 and wounded 200 people at the Argentine Jewish community center last month.

Official Teheran radio said no evidence had been found to link Iran with the July 18 blast, so it "expects those countries which discredited Iran by accusing it of

the explosion to apologize." The radio, monitored in Cyprus, said in a commentary that the United States should be the first to do so.

Argentina's attorney general said yesterday there is not enough evidence to involve Iranian diplomats in the July 18 bombing.

According to Attorney General Angel Aguirre Irujo's decision, the Supreme Court of Justice

should abstain from taking over the investigation of the bombing, which must continue in the hands of Federal Judge Juan Jose Galeano.

The nine-member Supreme Court is scheduled to meet today to consider the Attorney General's recommendation, which will be accepted, court sources said.

In a July 29 speech in Washington, US Secretary of State Warren

Christopher called Iran an "international outlaw," alleging that the Iranian-financed Hizbullah terrorist group based in Lebanon was behind the Buenos Aires explosion.

Christopher also said Hezbollah was suspected in an earlier airplane bombing in Panama, in which 12 Israelis and Jews were killed, and two later attacks on the Israeli Embassy and a Jewish center in London.

US hunts other havens for Cubans

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration is considering putting tens of thousands more Cuban refugees at Guantanamo naval base in Cuba even as it steps up efforts to discourage the continued wave of migrants attempting to reach US shores.

As part of that move, US officials are pressing Caribbean nations to accept some of the thousands of Cuban refugees whose exodus could swamp the detention camps at the naval base, officials said yesterday.

At the same time, the Clinton administration is moving to make it easier for people still in Cuba to apply to become legal immigrants to the United States. The 1994 quota for Cuban immigrants is 20,000, but that number has not been reached.

"We are looking at ways to expand legal migra-

tion," White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said.

Top-level administration officials, including Attorney General Janet Reno and Defense Secretary William Perry, were expected to discuss the moves at the White House later yesterday, a senior Pentagon official said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said military officials were looking at options for moving many of the 5,000 military personnel, civilians and dependents who normally are located at Guantanamo to make room for up to 50,000 migrants.

Presently, 14,000 Haitians are on the base, the official said, and as of Tuesday, plans had called for putting 10,000 Cubans there as well.

Doctor blasted for 'Doomsday' computer

LONDON (Reuters) - A British doctor provoked medical uproar yesterday with a "Doomsday" computer program to decide whether patients live or die.

"If we withdraw treatment earlier in those patients who are hopelessly ill, we will in fact save a lot of money," Dr David Bihari said of his controversial research.

The machine is given a patient's medical history and condition and asked to assess his chances. It has a "death symbol" - a black coffin with a white cross - that lights up if a patient is unlikely to survive 90 days of treatment.

"At the moment, the computer is right 95 times out of 100 when it tells us that a patient is hopelessly ill," Bihari, who works in the intensive care unit at Guy's hospital in London, told BBC Radio ahead of the screening of a television documentary about his research.

The project was condemned as alarmist and irresponsible by Dr Anne Rodway of the British Medical Association's medical ethics committee. "I cannot imagine it would ever be given clinical credence," she said.

Bihari, facing budget cuts, said: "The aim of this computer program was to help us identify those patients so that we could allow them to die in a more dignified and less inhumane fashion."

He said: "There is a small group of patients on a lot of life support machines. But they are hopelessly ill. Their lives are unnecessarily prolonged."

No jokes please, we're Saudi

LONDON (Reuters) - A Saudi Arabian millionaire yesterday hired a British butler - but he will be sacked if he tells any jokes.

The butler, who also had to be a single man, was hired for an annual tax-free salary of \$125,000.

The Saudi, whose name was not revealed, apparently had grown tired of his previous wisecracking butler and wanted some straight-faced service from now on.

Russians catch Uranium thieves

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russian authorities said yesterday they had caught two men stealing uranium from a nuclear weapons complex but that it was low-grade, an insignificant amount and of a type used only for nuclear power.

A spokesman for the Federal Counterintelligence Service (FSK) said the men were detained with nearly 10 kg of uranium-238 at the once-secret Arzamas-16 plant in central Russia last Saturday.

The spokesman linked the arrest with an international row over Western charges that weapons-grade materials were leaking out of Russia, saying it was evidence of tight security at the plant.

Russia denies the charges but agreed on Monday to work together with Germany to prevent any smuggling of nuclear

materials.

The deputy director of Arzamas-16, Yuri Yakilyev, told Interfax news agency that reports of smuggling were part of a "special planned campaign".

"Someone finds it profitable to present Russian nuclear plants as defenseless," Yakilyev said, in a reference to Western competitors in the nuclear power industry.

Yakilyev said a recent study of Arzamas-16, near Nizhny Novgorod east of Moscow, had found security to be tight.

Arzamas-16 is one of several closed and formerly top-secret cities where uranium is mined, nuclear research carried out and nuclear weapons manufactured.

The FSK spokesman said the two unemployed men were caught in a joint operation by the counterintelligence service, the interior ministry and the Arzamas-16 security officials.

Interfax news agency said the

management discovered that five kg of uranium-238 was missing and the investigators recovered a total of 9.5 kg.

Tass quoted a nuclear expert surprised by the affair, given that uranium-238 was legally traded by authorized bodies in Russia at a price of less than \$200 per kilo.

An ordinary VVER pressurized light water type reactor would require 60 tonnes of it. It was useless for producing nuclear weapons.

Security agents in Germany have since May seized three shipments of plutonium, which they say came from the former Soviet Union, probably Russia. A fourth consignment was weapons-grade enriched uranium.

The seizures, and the publicity given to them in the Western media, have caused an often bad-tempered row over the past 10 days.

Mexican ruling party wins congress

MEXICO CITY (AP) - The opposition's last hopes to weaken the ruling party's hold on power collapsed yesterday, with official returns showing the party winning the presidency and an overwhelming congressional majority.

The nearly completed vote count showed that the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) had won a remarkable gamble - keeping its 65-year hold on power while cleaning up the worst excesses of the electoral system.

Mexican and foreign election monitors said they found a wide range of irregularities - from pressure on voters to outright fraud in some areas. But they said the problems probably would not have affected the outcome.

"We are facing a historic opportunity to create a government for

the common good in which the interests of all are recognized," said the Ernesto Zedillo, who won election to a six-year term.

With 88.12 percent of the votes counted, Zedillo had 50.08 percent - just off the 50.4 percent that President Carlos Salinas de Gortari won six years ago.

Diego Fernandez de Cevallos of the conservative National Action Party followed with 26.81 percent, and Cuauhtemoc Cardenas of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party had 17.03 percent.

The turnout, above 77 percent, was far higher than the 50 percent many had expected.

Opposition parties had hoped to hold the PRI below 50 percent in congress for the first time since the party was founded in 1929,

forcing it to negotiate with other parties to pass legislation.

But the Federal Electoral Institute said late Tuesday the PRI was leading in 278 of 300 congressional races and in virtually all 64 Senate races. Another 200 seats in Congress and 32 in the Senate will be divided according to vote percentages for the nine parties.

Under new election reforms, no party will be allowed the two-thirds majority needed to modify the constitution, but the PRI is likely to come just short of that.

The election was the most scrutinized in Mexican history, with 82,000 observers at the polls. It was also carried out under reforms that put a non-partisan panel in charge of the voting and imposed stiff new penalties for fraud.

Moroccan gunmen kill two tourists

RABAT (Reuters) - Gunmen shot dead two Spanish tourists in a luxury Moroccan hotel yesterday, when they sprayed the lobby with automatic weapons fire before making off with cash, the official news agency MAP reported.

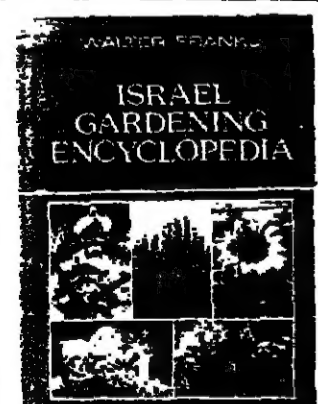
The two gunmen, who wounded a third Spaniard and a Moroccan woman, snatched 10,000 dirhams (\$1,130) after trying to overpower the cashier of the five-star Atlas Asni Hotel in the southern city of Marrakesh, MAP said.

The gunmen then commandeered a nearby parked car and

took hostage its woman owner, who was also a hotel guest. They released the woman 15 minutes later on the outskirts of the city.

MAP said the hooded attackers "did not speak the Moroccan (Arabic) dialect and witnesses said they were foreigners".

The three tourists were on holiday with a Spanish group organized by the Tour Africa travel agency. A hotel source named those killed as Antonia Cuevas and Salvador Torres. The wounded tourist, Dora Ocamo, was shot in the leg.



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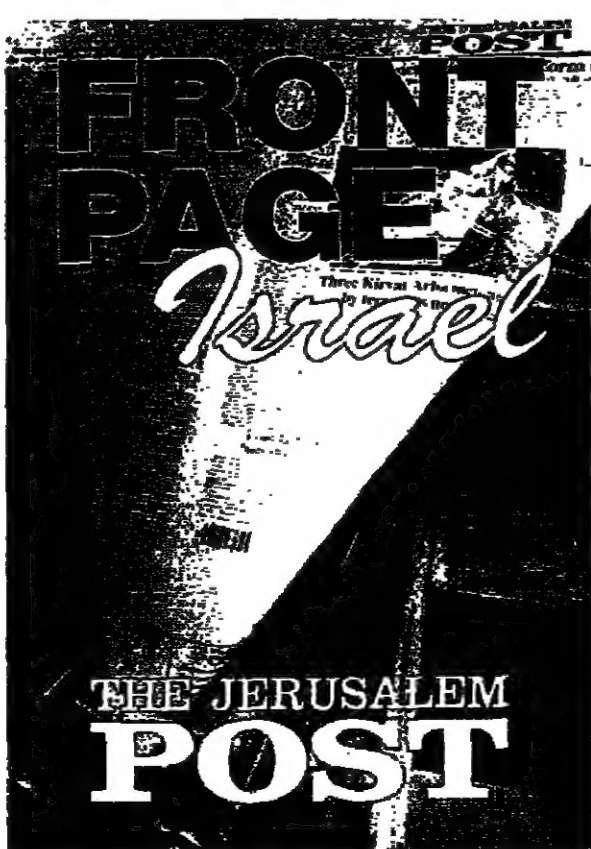
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Election fever

ACCORDING to the international news agencies, an event of great democratic importance is taking place just across the border. "Millions of Syrians flooded polling stations in government buildings, schools and hotels to elect representatives to the 250-seat parliament, the People's Assembly," says one. Another adds informatively: "No major shift in policy is expected" and "Support of (President Hafez) Assad's policies was the theme of campaign statements of all candidates." You bet it's the theme.

The uninformed reader may gather from these bland reports that the Syrian people are enjoying a similar event to that in Mexico - a controversial election, fraught with difficulties and doubts, but basically the honest exercise of a developing nation's right to elect its government.

One news agency helpfully quotes "analysts" in Damascus who think that in the "new parliament", the "lists of candidates of the Ba'ath-led National Progressive Front (NPF) are expected to win as they have in five previous elections." These experts have been a little coy in telling us some more facts about this winning streak and the Syrian people's great elections.

From 1963 to 1970, the Syrian Ba'ath Party held no elections. When Assad seized power, he promised a "popular democracy" with regular elections as the cornerstone. For this exercise, he set up the National Progressive Front, bringing together, under the iron command of Assad's Ba'ath of course, former parties of the secular left. Most of the members of these parties promptly deserted the cause, leaving the Front as a complete sham. Exiled dissidents have told how the few puppets who remained under the Ba'ath umbrella had to praise Assad more loudly and frequently than even Ba'ath members, yet were allowed none of the privileges afforded Ba'ath party faithful. The dictator sees to it that few non-

Ba'ath Front members, even sworn Assad loyalists, are listed as tokens in the assembly.

But Assad kept his word on elections. There have been plenty of them, the first ratifying Assad as president in March 1971 with 99.2 percent support. More interesting was the constitutional referendum in March 1973. It was preceded by riots in which thousands braved the repressive security machine to oppose the constitution. The rioters and the more private objectors somehow changed their minds by election day. The vote in favor was 98 percent.

The constitution itself is verbally unexceptionable - copied from those of countries that espouse freedom, human rights, independent judiciaries, opposition parties, checks and balances. Unfortunately, it has been overridden by the State of Emergency of 1963, still in force, which allows Assad temporarily to override all these goodies.

The only working systems are those that keep Assad in absolute power - the savage muhabarat security service, the military and the Ba'ath - all in the hands of the 10 percent Alawite minority to which Assad belongs. One of the many arduous responsibilities of the muhabarat may have been on the minds of the millions pouring into the polls yesterday. The bureau has a special unit to screen all proposed candidates for the People's Assembly lists - as well as those for local councils, work unions, and even professional associations.

And what of those found "unsuitable" for democracy? Many of them may be able, once again, to glimpse the crowds of happy voters from a tiny cell window of the Al Mezza prison in western Damascus, which also commands a splendid view of the presidential palace. They may even glimpse the election banner mentioned by a news agency yesterday: "Let Us All Participate in Boosting Our Democratic Process Under the Leadership of the Nation's Great Man."

The hiding of facts

IN the context of terrorist activities in this country, the story is far from sensational. Yehuda Rotner, a resident of Alon Shvut in Judea, was thumbing a ride to Jerusalem yesterday when a car with Israeli license plates, whose driver wore a kippa and spoke perfect Hebrew, stopped and picked him up. Noticing a Koran in the car, Rotner became suspicious, opened the door, and jumped out. He reported the incident to the police, and the car was later found abandoned in Bethlehem. In it were copies of the Koran, a book of psalms, and handkerchiefs.

The police were not surprised. Clearly, this was yet another Hamas attempt to kidnap and murder, following a familiar modus operandi. According to the army, several such attempts on soldiers were foiled in recent weeks. Previous attempts cost the lives of over a dozen Israeli soldiers, policemen, and civilians.

The police and the General Security Service announced yesterday that they had captured a Fatah Hawks unit responsible for killing at least 10 Palestinians for alleged "collaboration" with Israel. This, too, was not a surprise. While the Fatah, Yasser Arafat's own faction in the PLO, has not claimed responsibility for terrorist activities since the PLO took over Gaza and Jericho, it has been killing "collaborators" at an accelerated pace. Most of the killings have gone unreported.

The meager available information makes it difficult to determine whether the victims were really connected with Israel or just opponents of the Fatah whom the organization wished to liquidate before it takes over in Judea and Samaria. If they were indeed associated with Israel, their

murders were not only criminal acts but a violation of the Israel-PLO agreement which assured the safety of Israeli agents. Not all the Fatah death-squad members were arrested. Some escaped to the safe haven of Fatah-ruled Jericho.

The head of the Gush Katif regional council, Tzvi Hendel, said on Monday that the Gaza District, too, has turned into a safe haven for terrorists. In the hundred days since the beginning of Palestinian self-rule in the district, the number of shooting incidents has been not nine, as reported by the press at the time, nor 39, as reported by the army following the murder of Ron Sovat by Gaza terrorists last week. Altogether there have been 66 shooting incidents and 63 incidents of sabotage against Israelis in the Gaza District since the beginning of self-rule.

The army, deprived of the intelligence it could collect when it was inside Gaza, and unable to pursue the terrorists into the self-rule areas, is relatively helpless. The Palestinian police, when not actively supportive of the terrorists, are indifferent. Having no orders to act against them, they let Hamas cadres carry arms and train openly.

That the government would rather belittle these developments is understandable. They do not reflect well on the agreements with the PLO. But that a majority of incidents - those that end with no serious injuries - are not reported at all is a violation of the most basic democratic norms. The public may not have the right to know everything, but it certainly has the right to know where and when terrorists attack Israeli citizens. That the government permits itself to hide such facts is far more frightening than the attacks themselves.

LET THEM GO, THESE
DIPLOMATS DON'T LOOK
SUSPICIOUS TO ME...



The sacrificial offering

WHEN Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, better known as Carlos, was nabbed in Khartoum last week, he was found with a young Palestinian girl recruit from a Lebanese training camp. He had brought his new mistress with him from Syria, first sending his wife and daughter off to Venezuela "on holiday."

But there was something of greater importance to the French anti-terrorist squad sent to grab the arch-terrorist than evidence of his notorious philandering. It was the discovery that Ali Fallahian, Iranian "Special Action" minister, had personally sent Carlos on a mission to Khartoum.

Fallahian travels the world masterminding the international terror campaign conducted from Tehran. Recent results of his efforts include the destruction of the Jewish community's center in Buenos Aires and bomb attacks in London.

A French source told us: "We were given the information about Carlos's whereabouts by the CIA in January, after President Clinton and Syria's Hafez Assad met in Geneva. Assad had offered Clinton Carlos's head as a gesture to persuade the US to remove Syria from the list of countries supporting terrorism. His second demand was US pressure on Israel to return the entire Golan Heights to Syria within 90 days."

Once Carlos realized that his "friends" Assad and Fallahian had sold him out, he wanted vengeance. He told his captors that his job in Sudan was to monitor training by a hitherto-unknown terrorist unit called Allahu Akbar (God is great) based in an old fort outside Khartoum.

Carlos has refused to go into detail until his jailers are ready to make a deal. But Western intelligence agencies, aided by satellite spy cameras, have focused on this elite terrorist unit.

We were told by an intelligence expert in Paris: "It's no secret that the Sudan, funded by Iran, is today's major center for training Hamas, Hizbullah, Islamic Jihad and Egyptian and Algerian fundamentalist recruits. The most intelligent, versatile and fanatical candidates are creamed off to join Allahu Akbar. We suspect that they assassinated Egypt's president Sadat and Basim Jemayel, the Lebanese Christian leader. They led the group which came close to killing George Bush on a visit to Kuwait after the Gulf war."

URI DAN
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"Heading their hit list are Yasser Arafat and King Hussein, both condemned to death for their 'treachery' in dealing with Israel. Targeted too are Jewish and Western personalities considered infidel traitors to Islam (Iranian style). One such man is French Interior Minister Charles Pasqua, currently cracking down on extremists among France's

Hafez Assad made Clinton an offer: Carlos's head on a plate in return for the Golan Heights

three million-strong Moslem population. The imams of Iran repeatedly condemn him in their Friday sermons, in speeches and in the press."

The plot to offer Carlos up as a sacrificial lamb to the US was hatched by Fallahian and Assad. And Carlos, lulled into a sense of security after being offered the chance of carrying out the "greatest of all his exploits" as the boss of Allahu Akbar, flew happily off to Khartoum from Damascus, his new young mistress at his side.

In reality, he wasn't needed in Sudan. He was sent to Africa to avoid the appearance of Syria and Iran being involved in his betrayal. The Sudanese gave him a royal welcome. Their subsequent claim that they were unaware of his presence was a naive attempt to persuade the world that they have no truck with terrorists.

CLINTON was sufficiently swayed by Assad's offer to surrender Carlos to declare that a "strategic change" had come about in Syrian thinking. He overlooked the fact that Carlos had lived in Damascus for many years, training terrorists. He was linked to at least 10 different Arab extremist groups, including the men responsible for the Pan Am bomb explosion over Lockerbie in Scotland.

Carlos was not involved in the massacre of the Israeli athletes in Munich in 1972, but the Mossad

knew how committed he was to Arab terrorists like Wadi Haddad, whom he admired deeply. Carlos and Haddad together planned and put into action the hijacking of the Air France plane to Entebbe. The Israelis, like other Western security services, had tried hard to track Carlos down, with no success.

We were told by an American security expert: "Clinton didn't want the hot potato of Carlos to deal with. He was offered to the French as a goodwill gesture in view of the dramatic change in Paris's traditional appeasement policy toward terrorism, exemplified by the tough policies of Pasqua."

Assad and Fallahian, knowing how desperately the French needed a major coup to win back public confidence, drove a hard bargain before delivering the goods.

Fallahian's first successful demand was that France reschedule Teheran's \$800 million debt to Paris. He also wanted the release of several jailed Iranian terrorists, including the assassins of Shahpur Bakhtiari, former Iranian prime minister previously granted "safe" asylum in France.

When Prime Minister Rabin learnt about this deal, he pleaded with Mitterrand, asking him not to release these killers until the Iranians freed missing Israeli navigator Ron Arad.

There were bitter protests too from several European governments. They and Rabin were brushed aside by Mitterrand, who declared: "This is a matter of supreme national interest."

The "supreme matter" was Carlos's head delivered on a Sudanese cushion, and the Iranian killers were released and flown back to Teheran.

As the French balked at the endless Iranian demands, Fallahian showed that he was not a man to be trifled with. Several French diplomats and civilians were murdered by terrorists in Algeria.

The deal was hastily finalized - including a cash reward of \$1 million to smooth the way with Sudanese police and army officers. The French said they would do their best to persuade the US to remove Syria, Iran and Sudan from the list of official supporters of terrorism.

To date, Clinton has resisted this demand firmly.

The writers are authors of Carlos: Terror International.

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Duck!

GREGORY BENFORD

LAST month's Jupiter fireworks struck a clear, vibrant chord in the public. Here was disaster, drama, danger. Chunks of Comet Shoemaker-Levy 9 vaporized in fiery moments. Could that happen to us? Sure - in fact, it has happened to Earth before.

About every century, somewhere on Earth a meteor strikes with impact comparable to a nuclear warhead. The most recent, in 1908, fell near the Siberian Tunguska River. It vaporized with an immense bang audible a thousand miles away, killing no one.

In 1972, a rock came breathtakingly close. It skipped across the upper atmosphere above the US, a bright trail picked up on radar and witnessed by hundreds. It had to be at least 25 meters across to make such a trail, skimming like a flat rock spun across a pond by a cosmic child - then gone. Since then, there have been two other recorded near-misses.

These were small compared with the mountain-sized monsters that strike Earth roughly every hundred million years. One such probably ended the reign of the dinosaurs. At least 65 meters greater than 16 km. across pock our planet, records of previous hits.

Are there many of these asteroids still gliding silently in the darkness? Plenty - at least 2,000, of which we have spotted fewer than 200. A mile-wide stony asteroid could destroy civilization. Its debris

Could an asteroid strike Earth? Sure - it's happened before

would cloak the globe in dust, shutting off sunlight for years, starving a large fraction of humanity. Are such fantasies worth worrying about?

Here statistics collide with our emotions. After all, such colossal impacts are very rare; why bother?

Surveys show that people regard risks rarer than the proverbial one-in-a-million as too small to bother with. Asteroid danger is at this level. Still, statisticians forget that we do not feel through numbers. Studies show that people thinking about risk shrug off dry data, heavily favoring two emotional factors. They ask: Is it dreadful? Is it unfamiliar?

Asteroid impact is both. Dreadful means huge, uncontrollable, with high risk to future generations. The unknown nature - we haven't thought about this before, and one could be heading for us now - heightens our sense of threat.

CERTAIN POLICY mavens have already decided congressional funding to search for asteroid threats. They clearly see a one-in-a-million chance as beyond the pale. Far better to spend the money on, say, Bosnia.

Such thinking may be wrong; the sheer drama of such calamity will drive public policy to take the threat seriously.

People speculate about dangers, and then quite quickly take the next step. Suppose we do find a collision in the offing?

The US has already spent a trillion dollars developing the tools that can kill an asteroid - the hydrogen bomb and the liquid-chemical rocket. With a year's warning, it could rendezvous a warhead near the offending rock. A many-megaton explosion could propel it sideways, using a "rocket effect" in which gas boils off the heated face. The new trajectory would miss Earth entirely. Quite possibly, the US could save the world for a few billion dollars.

Into the bargain, from the early scientific study alone, we would get a detailed inventory of possible asteroid resources open to us in the inner solar system, mostly metals. Uplifting the bulk of humanity from poverty, where a paltry \$200 can save a starving child, will demand resources far beyond those we know. Already, metals are getting harder to scrape out of the Earth's crust, with severe environmental effects. Someday not far off, mining asteroids may be as important as baring them aside.

Jupiter's agony has illuminated our own predicament and opportunity. For many, NASA is a synonym for boring. A search for civilization-killing monsters a mile across is both dramatic and, in the astronomical scale of budgets, inexpensive. The American public will support it, intuitively sensing its importance.

The House of Representatives has already voted to require NASA to track asteroids whose orbits might intersect Earth's. Seizing this opportunity with some fanfare would be smart public relations and smart science.

Also, for once we humans would be defending the entire ecosphere, not just ourselves. Like it or not, we are the sole stewards of our world, in all its rich abundance. The dinosaurs were once, too - but look what happened to them.

The writer is a professor of physics at the University of California, Irvine and co-author, with William Rastler, of Shiva Descending, a novel about an asteroid hitting Earth. (Los Angeles Times)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INTERTEMPERATE LANGUAGE

Sir, - Yosef Goel states that the idea that Rabbi Moshe Maiya should have any part in deciding what is taught in secular schools "is an abomination" ("Rabin forgetting secular sensibilities," J.P., August 5). Surely this is unnecessarily intertemperate language? However little we like the haredi approach, it is entirely commendable that Rabbi Maiya is also concerned with the Jewish content of the education of secular Jewish children. We should all be concerned for each other, and for all Jewish children.

Is the idea that secular children might be taught some of the traditions of their people so terrible? What is so "abominable" in covering the head when studying the Bible? Would it not be a useful lesson in courtesy, and respect for the feelings of other members of the Jewish people? Does

Goel really want to continue educating Israeli youth to have no knowledge of, or respect for, the age-old traditions and customs of our people? The secular majority here is in great danger of throwing the baby out together with the bathwater.

Our society would be healthier and more pleasant if it were indeed possible for Shulamit Aloni to address a yeshiva on women's rights. We should all try to learn more about, and to respect, each other's viewpoints. Our leaders should be trying to heal our rifts, not to deepen them. The fact that the haredim often make themselves objectionable is no reason for the secular majority to do likewise. Someone has to set a good example, and it should be for the majority to begin.

Rehovot. JUDITH WYNICK

AUTHOR'S REQUEST

Sir, - I am looking for Holocaust survivors from Poland, as well as Jews who returned to Poland following their release from Soviet gulags after World War II, to come forward and bear witness both to the persecution and/or killings that they and their friends, relatives and fellow Jews suffered at the hands of a segment of the

Polish people after World War II. This information will be included in a book I am writing on the subject.

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DISSATISFIED

Sir, - How I long for the editorship of the late Gershon Agron who at least knew right from wrong, unlike your David Bar-Illyan who always listens to his master's voice and to the know-nothing professors of Bar-Illyan

University. However, this is a free country, especially for the money-bags that control the written media.

DAVID SEGAL
Ramat Hasharon.

CANADIAN

DISCRIMINATION

Sir, - I was outraged at the news that Canada had placed Israel fourth on a list of countries from which refugees seek asylum.

Of all countries, Canada I had the singular misfortune to accept an invitation while still in the RAF to go to Toronto as a skilled aircraft engineer following my demobilization in 1947. There, after months without employment, due entirely to anti-Jewish discrimination, and down to my last few dollars, I was forced, as a temporary measure, to change my name.

On the day my new, non-Jewish name came into effect, I was accepted by the three prospective employers to whom I was sent by the employment exchange. Had I not changed my name, I would have been forced to borrow funds for a return passage to England or join family in the United States - in effect, as a fugitive or refugee! In any case I lost no time in leaving Canada and resuming my identity.

My name-change was suggested and implemented by the young woman who was then head of the Toronto employment exchanges. Unknown to me, she had been monitoring my unique lack of progress in a market suffering an unprecedented postwar labor shortage. She revealed to me that she was a French-Canadian masquerading as an establishment Scottish Presbyterian in order to avoid the inevitable discrimination.

Ramat Gan. SOLOMON JACOBS

POSTSCRIPTS

THE ROYAL VIKING Line of cruise ships treasures its passengers, and would never take the slightest risk to endanger their safety. That's why they recently canceled scheduled ports of call in Ashdod and Haifa.

A reader in Herzliya Pituah forwarded a fax sent to him by the company's head office in Coral Gables, Florida. "I would like to stress that the safety and well being of our passengers is our highest priority," the fax reads in part; "... As advised by the US State Department and confirmed by our sources in Israel, it was decided that we would not call on the port of Haifa, May 30, or Ashdod, May 31."

Mind you, the company maintained scheduled calls at ports in Tur-

key and Spain, where tourists are declared targets of terrorist groups.

A THREE-YEAR-OLD boy with a knack for tickling and giggling had the winning entry in a frog jumping championship.

Cody Shiffs of Roseville, California, won \$750 and a trophy taller than he is at the Calaveras County Jumping Frog Jubilee.

The youngest winner of the 66th annual amphibian contest had little to say: he just kept giggling. Cody made the crowd laugh when he was asked how long he had been jumping frogs.

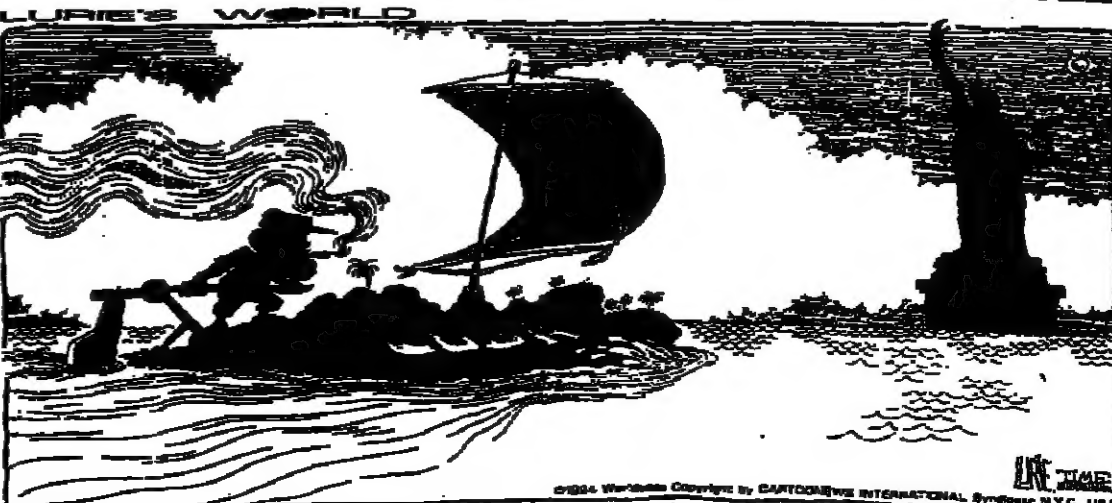
"Three years," said the three-year-old, who is 11 years younger than the previous youngest winner.

Proud poppa Pete said his son has a way of making frogs relax. "He rubs their legs, starting at their hips and running right down their legs," he said. "He holds their toes pretty tight. And he tickles their hind legs."

SEX-PHONE lines may be the rage in other countries, but in Iran the latest telephone service features recitations from the Koran.

Teheran residents can now dial 114, then punch the chapter and verse number to listen to one of the best Iranian Koran reciters go through their favorite part of the holy book.

The phone number was chosen because there are 114 chapters in the Koran.



How to deal with holidays, now I'm separated?

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,
My husband and I separated a few months ago, and this will be my first year celebrating the holidays as a single parent.

My husband's family wants to have the children with them during the holidays. I don't want to be without the kids, but my own family is abroad, and so it would be just the two children and me for our holiday meals. This seems a bit lonely for all of us, and I don't know how to solve the problem. I was hoping you could.

Melancholy
Givatayim

Dear Melancholy,
Fortunately—or unfortunately—there are many holidays coming up. This means that you don't have to choose either one or the other of your alternatives.

The three of you could be together half the time; the rest of the time, the children could be with your husband's family. If loneliness is troubling you, try inviting friends who may not be committed elsewhere. As soon as you begin to do this, return invitations will undoubtedly be forthcoming.

Dear Ruthie,
My closest friend is very rich. She and her husband, though not particularly bright or interesting, are in high demand socially, whereas my husband and I have to initiate events. I am often envious of her in a way I don't like.

Can you stay friends with someone you're envious of? And why are people so drawn to others' money—even when they aren't getting any of it?

Green over Greenbacks
Somewhere in Israel

Dear Green,
If you can figure out why someone "not particularly bright or interesting" is your closest friend, you might understand why others are drawn to her.

Power has magnetic qualities often hard to pinpoint. Wealth is just one form of power. Intellect, wit and beauty are others.

Sadly, the other side of mesmerization is often envy. Whether you can remain friends with someone you are jealous of depends on how much you're suffering.

It isn't improbable that your friend envies you in some way, too. Such is the nature of human relations.

Dear Ruthie,
Before leaving for a business trip abroad, my wife gave me instructions to purchase a Rosh Hashana gift for her parents.

It is to cost around NIS 300. I am terrible at choosing gifts, and can't think of anything her parents need. Help!

In a Find Bind
Jerusalem

Dear Bound,
When in doubt, go for the gift-basket idea. Look for an attractive, good-sized tray or bowl, and fill it with chocolates, or fruit and nuts.

The container can be used after the contents have been eaten, and the whole package is an attractive present for any household—even one which "has everything."

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, Jerusalem 91000.

(Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

Evangelical trend reaches rural England

DAMIAN THOMPSON
LONDON

THE phenomenon of churchgoers falling to the ground during prayers is spreading across Britain's evangelical Christian community, leaving churches littered with the bodies of people utterly convinced that they have been "slain by the spirit."

The so-called "Toronto blessing," which originated in Canada and apparently makes the meek fall down, cry, laugh or speak in "tongues," has now reached rural England.

Tales of miraculous healing also abound and evangelical leaders are talking excitedly of a religious revival on the scale of Methodism in the 18th century.

In a remote hillside chapel in the village of Bream in the west of England last week, normally staid Anglicans fell like ninespins as their vicar, the Rev. Alistair Kendall, his hands trembling violently, called down the power of the Holy Spirit.

Other worshippers waited to catch them as they slid backwards. But there was none of the American-style razzamatazz which normally accompanies such dramas.

Most of the middle-aged worshippers smiled sheepishly as they picked themselves up off the floor and returned to their seats as if nothing had happened.

"They are not emotional types," said Kendall. "One of the strange things about the falling down is that it often happens to the least likely people."

Kendall said: "When it started happening a few weeks ago, I am sure some people fell simply because other people did; we had ladies hastily adjusting their dresses as they went down. But now everyone seems genuine."

"We don't know why God is choosing to make himself available in this way. All we know is that this thing is moving from

place to place—and now it has reached us."

Helen Terry, who spent the end of the service laughing quietly on the chapel floor, said she was extremely skeptical when she first encountered the phenomenon. "I thought it was a load of garbage, actually," she said.

"Then I found myself on the ground. I don't even remember falling over. I was twitching and crying and I ran out of the church. It was most frightening. Since then, it has happened again and again."

The phenomenon, which first manifested itself in a Toronto church in January, made its British debut at Holy Trinity, in London's South Kensington.

Its spread to dozens of evangelical churches has provoked an intense debate in the Christian press.

Dr. Andrew Walker, theology lecturer at King's College, London, says it is too early to say whether an authentic revival is taking place. "Christians are not immune from fashion, crowd hysteria, auto-suggestion or simply being plain daft," he said.

But Gerald Coates, leader of the Pioneer People Church in Cobham, south of London, and one of Britain's most high-profile evangelists, is confident that the Holy Spirit is at work.

He said: "I have never had so many confessions of sin, letters of apology and acts of reconciliation. Unconverted people have come into meetings and, after they have been prayed for, all bodily strength has left them."

They have lain for an hour, returning to us with praises to God and even, dare I say, speaking in tongues.

"I believe we are on the edge of what could be the greatest thing to hit our nation this century."

(The Daily Telegraph)



Donna Zeigfanger with books for vegetarians and ecology-conscious travellers: 'I saw a market out there.' (Washington Post Mary Lou Foy)

A vegetarian vacation? Sure

TRAVEL
CAROLE SUGARMAN

Donna Zeigfanger is a book-keeping agent for the bean-sprout set. There she is on the phone at All Ways Travel in Bethesda, Maryland, making an airline reservation for a 2.13-meter-tall Seventh Day Adventist minister who is a vegetarian. It's all in a day's work. These days, most of Zeigfanger's work is for vegetarians, from the casual to the militant.

After the minister's reservation is made, a woman wants names of vegetarian health spas. Animal-rescue workers need the cheapest fares to flooded Georgia. An all-vegetarian family is looking for a meatless cruise of Greek islands.

"I saw a market out there," Zeigfanger says simply.

Anybody can order a vegetarian meal on a flight to Spokane, Washington. But when it's Zeigfanger who's sending off the airline ticket, the traveler also gets a list of local vegetarian restaurants. Zeigfanger also suggests hotels that will be the most accommodating.

What she provides is a sensitivity to and an awareness of what's available for the toff-bent traveler. That's because for the past 11 years Zeigfanger herself has been a vegan, shunning both meat and dairy products.

"Nothing that ever had a face," she says with a laugh, then corrects herself. "Well, potatoes have eyes. Nothing that ever had a mama."

Zeigfanger stopped eating ani-

mal products for ethical reasons; she also won't wear leather shoes and asks that a photographer not take her picture sitting on a leather chair. Still, the striking 37-year-old with Caribbean-colored eyes at least has a sense of humor.

She jokes that she's able to have an Imelda Marcos-sized closet of footwear, since man-made materials are so much cheaper than leather, and describes herself as "the only weird one" who works at the travel agency, where her desk is cluttered with animal trinkets.

The animal touches are no accident: Zeigfanger worked at an animal shelter before becoming a travel agent seven years ago. She thought the travel business would be a "more uplifting" job.

Before that, she was a dog groomer, something she still does at night. In fact, some of the dog owners are her travel clients.

Zeigfanger can offer first-hand advice, at least for the places she's visited.

Her toughest trip? Alaska. She had to eat frozen vegetables. Easiest? Belize, because of the country's large Asian and Indian populations.

Most surprising find? A vegetarian menu at a "redneck truck stop" near the Grand Canyon.

It's getting a lot easier to find meatless and even dairyless choices, particularly at large hotels and in metropolitan areas.

Wherever you are, Zeigfanger says, the hotel concierge should know of a local health-food store, which is always a good source for locating vegetarian restaurants.

And many cities and countries have their own vegetarian societies that know of restaurants and resorts: Zeigfanger located a vegetarian society in a Costa Rican newspaper and she recently wrote to such a society in South Africa.

What's more, Zeigfanger has found that carnivorous places will usually be accommodating so long as you call ahead. A few years ago Zeigfanger asked the Homestead, a Virginia resort hotel, to prepare a vegan cake (remember, no eggs or butter for vegans) for her birthday. And three years ago she had a Holiday Inn in Alexandria, Virginia, prepare an all-vegan menu for an animal legal-defense-fund conference she had booked. She even faxed the chef recipes.

Plus, there is literally a whole world of resorts, vacation packages, bed-and-breakfasts, computer databases and specialty publications catering to the vegetarian traveler. It makes sense, given the growing number of vegetarians

and the many people who are eating less meat.

There's a vegetarian sailing cruise off the coast of Maine, women's wilderness canoe trips in Montana and a shelter for abused farm animals in Watkins Glen, N.Y., with a bed-and-breakfast (vegan breakfast included).

Royal Caribbean Cruises offer a vegetarian menu, including tempura-fried broccoli and eggplant garnished with snow peas and oriental noodles served with sweet-and-sour sauce. Even Walt Disney World sells vegetarian burgers these days.

It's not hard to get a vegan meal on an airplane, either.

Practically every airline offers both vegetarian and vegan options so long as the reservation is made at least three days in advance, according to Zeigfanger. (The animal-rescue workers headed for Georgia in a hurry had to pack their own.)

In fact, Zeigfanger used this to her advantage last May during a fare war. Because of the high volume of reservations being made, the computers often got overloaded, and All Ways wasn't always getting confirmations back from the airlines.

So Zeigfanger booked everybody with a vegetarian meal, since special meals, wheelchair reservations and other individual requests are much more likely to trigger airline confirmations. It worked.

(Washington Post)

Side by side with the famous—and dead

INTER ALIA
MARTHA SLUD

WANT to spend eternity in the company of a president, rubbing elbows with a music star or in the neighborhood of someone like Marilyn Monroe?

There's space available—for a price.

A Richmond, Virginia, woman recently spent \$9,000 for six grave sites atop a shady, serene hill in Richmond's historic Hollywood Cemetery.

She'll share Hollywood's 54 pastoral hectares (135 acres) with US presidents John Tyler and James Monroe, and Jefferson Davis, the only president of the Confederacy, the government established by the Southern states after their secession in the 1860s.

The woman—whom her lawyer, C. Hobson Goddin, declined to identify—answered a newspaper advertisement in May from a man who wanted to cash in his space in a nearly 150-year-old section of the cemetery.

Burial sites near other big names are available if you search hard enough, said Stephen Morgan, executive vice president of the American Cemetery Association.

For \$10,000, there's a four-space lot about three meters from the grave of country music star Hank Williams at Oakwood Annex in Montgomery, Alabama, said Charles Graham, the cemetery's general manager.

Some of the most-sought sites surround Marilyn Monroe's wall crypt at Westwood Memorial Cemetery outside Los Angeles.

"You can get within a number of feet," cemetery manager Barbara Parker said. "But most people who ask are fans who couldn't afford it."

Grave sites at Westwood begin at \$15,000 and spaces near Monroe's crypt cost many, many times that, she said.

"The Lady in Black," who annually visited the mausoleum of silent film star Rudolph Valentino at Hollywood Memorial Park Cemetery in California, couldn't get a spot in the mausoleum when she died a few years ago and was buried about 90 meters away, said Greg Smith, owner of Grave Line Tours, which provides maps of Tinseltown's tombs.

Smith said that a few years ago he helped a friend find an open spot at Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Hollywood Hills about 2.4 meters from the ashes of Lucille Ball.

(AP)

Visiting the people-eating capital of the world

BOOKS
ALEXANDER FRATER

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CANNIBALS: The End of the Old South Pacific, by Michael Krieger. The Ecco Press. 291 pp. \$23.

MY father, a doctor in the South Seas, once ate human flesh.

Back in the 1930s he had called on a remote Big Namba village on the Vanuatu island of Malekula. (Namba is the term for a penis gourd, rival tribes being known by the dimensions of these accessories; the Big Nambas were given to more aggressive fashion statements than their modest rivals, the Small Nambas.) He found a feast in progress and had meat pressed upon him. Fig, his hosts said, but this stuff possessed a sweetness, faintly cloying taste unlike any pork he had sampled before.

It took him only a moment to guess its origins—confirmed by the evasive looks and nervous laughter of his hosts. After being violently ill he left hurriedly and, for years afterward, was too traumatized to talk about it.

Nobody has been cooked and consumed on Malekula since World War II yet, so ferocious was its reputation that even today, half a century later, it is still regarded as the People-Eating Capital of the World. When I came

upon Michael Krieger's new book I knew with certainty that he had been there and met with the Big Nambas. And so it proved.

Four toothless old men gave him a remarkably frank interview. They described trying their victims to a tall wooden slit drum and beating them with heavy clubs, continuing long after life was extinct; the objective was to smash the bones and tenderize the meat—although certain small bones from the hand were preserved to be sharpened later and made into spear tips. The heads were cut off and thrown away, as were the intestines, heart and liver. The edible parts were wrapped in banana leaves and left to steam gently overnight, in an earth oven. A single victim, traditionally served up with a batter of crushed yams called "laplap," could feed 10 warriors; although women did the cooking they were not entitled to share the feast. Perhaps by way of compensation, women on Malekula were not eaten.

Elsewhere, though, they were. Krieger undertook a long trek to meet "the only surviving practitioner of cannibalism in the Solomons." Timothy, more than 100 years old and almost blinded by trachoma, nevertheless possesses a serenity that impresses Krieger.

USA," would one day fly in laden with dollars and Western consumer durables. (Today the Frummers, grown more sophisticated, no longer crawl "under an airplane to determine its gender.")

In Tuvalu, one of the world's poorest countries, he finds a society that is virtually crime-free. In 1987 there 11 thefts reported nationwide. Unemployment may run at a staggering 89 percent, yet the good-humored, tranquil Tuvaluans exist in a state of grace that is starting to attract attention in the outside world.

The book's high point is a remarkable journey through a mountainous island in the Solomons to meet the Kwaio, a tribe once regarded as the most dangerous and duplicitous in the British Empire. Kwaio means "I will kill you" and that is what, as recently as 1987, they were still doing to trespassers in their Stone Age domain. Even the Solomon Islands police must seek permission from the Kwaio to enter; usually, it's refused. The tribe has been outcast for much of the century, and, plainly, elect to remain so today.

Krieger went to see them, surviving a hair-raising trek. Yet the Kwaio turned out to be welcoming and amiable and, surprisingly, scrupulous payers of taxes; each

adult male, although dirt poor, contributes \$4 annually to the Solomons' exchequer. Their bitterness at being ignored by a government which, plainly, remains wary of them, is palpable. They want schools, hospitals, experts to advise on agriculture; at the same time they wish their culture to be left intact.

That is a dilemma confronting very few South Pacific tribes today. Most have already had their cultures hijacked and reduced to sterile song-and-dance shows for the tourists. Krieger agonizes over this and, understandably, does what he can to help. He and a companion dispense medicines, teach the Kwaio to count (using the numbers on a wristwatch—itsself an astounding thing never before seen by the Kwaio), teach them the alphabet, even teach a chief to write his own name.

Krieger has written an earnest, emotional, well-intentioned book containing, it must be said, few laughs. But for anyone who has visited that huge, beguiling tract of the globe and wondered about the blue islands that always remain on the horizon—the anonymous ones at which the cruise ships never call—it will provide a surprising and fascinating read.

(Los Angeles Times)

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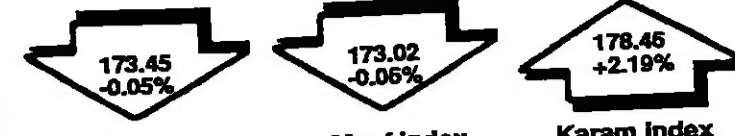
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Two-Sided, Maof are steady

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

ANDRE LUMBROSO



Two-Sided index **Maof index** **Karam index**

THE market seemed to be set for another of those very bullish days. The Karam market opened with an excess of buy orders and the stage was set for a repeat performance of last Tuesday.

Prices started rising during the first two hours of trading on the Two-Sided. By the end of the first hour, however, the first signs of a change in trend appeared: prices on FUT options started rising, even before the Maof index started declining, indicating the market's direction. Up to that point, both the Maof and the Two-Sided indexes had risen by close to 1.2 percent.

By the end of the trading day, the Two-Sided closed down 0.05% and the Maof was down 0.06%. Only the Karam, which reflected morning activity, was up sharply by 2.2%. Turnover was low at NIS 184 million.

The interesting part was the decline came as a surprise to the investing public, as though the market had to continue to rise. In fact, yesterday's figures were somewhat of a technical reaction since a continuation of the rises would have brought the index back to where it was last Thursday, making last Sunday's declines look abnormal and opposition to the capital gains tax look out of place.

The stream of financial reports continued unabated. Yesterday, two took center stage: Israel Oil Refineries and Clal Industries. Refineries announced a second-quarter loss, attributing it to a stagnation of the prices of refined products on international markets while crude oil prices rose. Refineries had curtailed refined product exports in recent months due to that situation.

Clal Industries published reports announcing a sharp decline in profits and attributed it to stock market losses.

The market was also influenced by reports that a rise in interest rates next week is unavoidable. Rumors are the rise will be more than half a percent.

Rises slightly edged declines on the Two-Sided 52 to 32. The rises were mostly concentrated on speculative paper: Cohen Development rose 6.8%, Haniel was up 9.9% (reports of renewed drilling activity) and Evergreen was up 5%. Some of the blue chips were the object of buyer interest: Granit up 2.8%, ILDC up 3%. On the other hand, Meir Ezra was down 5%, T-Bone Veal fell 7.8%.

FTSE closes above 3,200 for first time since March

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - British shares closed firm, with the FTSE 100 Index of leading stocks ending above 3,200 for the first time since March.

The index closed up 30.1 points, or 0.95 percent, at 3,205.2.

FRANKFURT - The DAX index wiped out Tuesday's losses and pushed higher as investors targeted financial, construction and consumer stocks.

But brokers said further gains were unlikely because of uncertainty about the bond market.

The DAX-30 Index ended up 18.50 at 2,126.37.

PARIS - French shares finished higher after a nervous session, heavily influenced by bond futures.

The CAC-40 Index ended the August trading session down 1.72%, but was up 5.66 points, or 0.28%, on the day at 2,006.29.

ZURICH - Swiss shares closed higher, aided by a firm Wall Street, in quiet business which was dominated by professionals.

The Broad SPI Index closed up 8.70 at 1,696.25.

TOKYO - Stocks ended higher on last-minute buying after a day of directionless trading.

The Nikkei average finished up 130.82 points, or 0.64%, at 20,511.60, with an estimated 270 million shares traded.

HONG KONG - A late round of bargain hunting pushed Hong Kong shares to a marginally higher close.

This erased early weakness resulting from Tuesday's disappointing land auction.

The Hang Seng Index closed up 4.63 points at 9,238.69, above a morning low of 9,130.07.

SYDNEY - Australian stocks closed firm on modest turnover, encouraged by a strong performance on Wall Street and supported later by a solid annual result from John Fairfax.

The All-Ordinaries Index closed up 9.6 at 2,061.1.

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares made strong gains across the board in steady afternoon trading, spurred by a stronger gold price and higher markets elsewhere.

The overall index ended up 36 points at 5,894, the industrial index 30 points higher at 6,647 and the gold index up 35 at 2,281.

Wall Street stocks surge

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stock prices sprinted higher yesterday after an unexpectedly weak reading on factory orders fueled hopes that the Federal Reserve would not tighten interest rates soon.

Stocks advanced in concert with bonds and the dollar after the Commerce Department said orders to US factories for big-ticket items declined a surprising 4.2 percent in July, the biggest drop in two and a half years.

Many economists had been forecasting a moderate gain of around 0.3%. The weak data calmed the bond market's fears about inflation and sent the dollar and bond prices higher early in the session.

Bonds extended their gains after a successful auction by the Treasury of new five-year notes. The 30-year bond was up 27-32 point late in the day. Its yield, which falls when prices rise, stood at 7.46%, down from 7.54% Tuesday.

Weak economic data are sometimes bad news for the stock market. But investors report the durable-goods report to mean that "the threat of inflation is abating, and you can extrapolate from that that the Fed doesn't have to raise interest rates any more this year," said Thom Brown, market strategist at Rutherford, Brown and Catherwood in Philadelphia.

Stocks opened higher and climbed throughout the day. They advanced for the second consecutive session after softening last week, when investors worried that a 0.5% tightening last Tuesday would choke off the economic recovery and ultimately compromise corporate profits and stock valuations.

Eugene Peroni, technical analyst at Janney Montgomery Scott in Philadelphia, said Wednesday's gains indicated that equities "investors are comfortable with and are betting on a steadily growing economy without inflation."

Economically sensitive stocks again provided leadership on the Big Board, after leading the Dow up 24 points on Tuesday.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 70.90 points to 3,846.73.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by about 5 to 3 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,374 up, 814 down and 703 unchanged.

Big Board volume totaled 309.78 million shares, against 307.25 million in the previous session.

The NYSE's Composite Index rose 2.17 to 258.61.

The Nasdaq index rose 3.57 to 751.55.

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index rose 1.70 to 447.98.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

MARK	STERLING	YEN	SFR	FF
MARK	2.400718	163.7183	2.021933	3.424247
STERLING	1.500326	0.849008	1.314483	5.342125
YEN	1.108076	0.484246	78.0004	1.402590
SFR	0.291822	0.121517	18.8271	0.245891
FF				

Key Representative Rates

US dollar	NIS 3.0220	+0.10%
Sterling	NIS 4.6912	+0.04%
Mark	NIS 1.9592	-0.52%

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

DJ Industrial	3827.77	+0.46%
DJ Transport	1699.51	+0.37%
DJ Comp	1071.29	+0.35%
NYSE Index	258.61	+0.37%
NASDAQ	751.55	+0.37%
S&P 500	429.15	+0.37%
NYSE 100	258.61	+0.37%
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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Multi-sided trading

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Haifa crashes out of Europe

DEREK FATTAL and agencies

MACCABI Haifa put on spirited first half display in its second leg match in the European Champions Cup in Vienna last night against Casino Salzburg, but wound up 3-1 losers to the powerful Austrian league champions.

Salzburg advances to the next round of the competition, winning 5-2 on aggregate.

While the Haifaite clearly led the first 45 minutes on points, they were unable to translate superiority into goals so as to dent the Austrian 2-1 lead from the first meeting at Kiryat Eliezer.

The Israeli collapse came just after the resumption as Croatian midfielder star Mladen Mladenovic converted two free kicks within five minutes, to end Haifa's hopes.

Fellow countryman Nikola Jurcevic added a third in the 76th minute, with Alon Hazan hitting back for Haifa with a minute left to play.

Shai Holtzman led Maccabi's charge in the opening minutes coming close with two attempts on Otto Konrad's goal, to demonstrate that the Austrian defense could be beaten.

The hosts, playing in a near empty rain-soaked stadium, eventually put aside their jitters, with Herman Stadler threatening twice. The Austrian's best chance of the half came when the two Croatians linked up smartly to open a path to goal, but Mladenovic volleyed over Rafi Cohen's upright.

Mladenovic's first strike followed a clumsy challenge by Alon Hazan on the edge of the Haifa area in the 47th minute. He curled his free kick over the heads of two colleagues at the end of Maccabi's wall, high into the net just out of reach of Cohen's groping hands.

His second goal, hit from over 20 meters out took advantage of an ill-disciplined Haifa wall, taking a telling deflection off Hazan, to confuse Cohen.

The Haifaite continued to throw everything into attack in the search for a consolation goal. Substitute Haim Revivo, then the artful Eyal Berkowitz and Sergei Kandaurov were all denied by superb saves from Konrad.

Left exposed at the back, Jurcevic compounded Haifa's misery, streaming down the right flank then smacking the ball past Cohen for a 76th minute goal.

Alon Hazan finally retrieved some honor for Maccabi, smacking a free-kick from the edge of the area into the roof of Konrad's net with just a minute left to play.

Haifa's heavy exit from the competition is a severe blow to the club which has spent millions of shekels this summer in new talent. Estimates indicate that competing in the league stage of the Champions' Cup would have added around \$4 million to the club's coffers.

In addition Israel's prospects of having a club allotted a place in next year's competition have been dealt a strong blow, as the seeding structure is based on past performances by a

nation's sides in European competition.

Galatasaray 4, Avenir Beggen 0

Turkey's Galatasaray, which beat Manchester United in the second round last season, qualified yesterday for the European Cup Champions' League where its first opponents will be 1994 runners-up Barcelona. Striker Hakan Sukur hit a hat-trick as the Turkish champions crushed Luxembourg's Avenir Beggen in the second leg of their preliminary round tie in Luxembourg for a 9-1 aggregate win.

The victory put Galatasaray into group A of the revamped four-group Champions' League along with the seeded Barcelona - which lost last May's final 4-0 to AC Milan - and Manchester United, which they eliminated on the away goals rule last year after a shock 3-3 draw at Old Trafford.

The team travels to Barcelona's imposing Nou Camp stadium on the opening day of group matches on September 14.

United will be at home to IFK Gothenburg, the other team to secure a place in Group A yesterday.

Galatasaray played the home leg in Izmir after UEFA banned them from playing in Istanbul because of crowd trouble in the first leg in Luxembourg two weeks ago and ordered they stage their next match at least 300 kilometers from the capital.

The Turkish champions failed to put away any chances until Sukur headed his first goal in the 54th minute. He again found the net in the 70th minute and converted a penalty in the 84th.

New signing Saffet Sancakli scored the other goal in the 64th minute, just four minutes after coming on as a substitute.

Yesterday's European Cup results (preliminary round, second leg): In Vienna Austria Salzburg (Austria) 3, Maccabi Haifa (Israel) 1. Scores: Salzburg - Mladenovic (47th, 54th, 76th), Stadler (78th), Mladenovic - Hazan (89th). Attendance: 25,000. Salzburg wins 5-2 on aggregate.

In Ankara Galatasaray (Turkey) 4, Avenir Beggen (Luxembourg) 0. Scores: Hakan Sukur (20th, 70th, 84th, 89th), Saffet Sancakli (64th). Attendance: 75,000. Galatasaray wins 9-1 on aggregate.

In Gothenburg Gothenburg (Sweden) 2, Sparta Prague (Czech Republic) 0. Scores: Japen Blomqvist (22nd), Stefan Rahn (64th). Attendance: 13,469. Gothenburg wins 2-1 on aggregate.

In Kiev Dynamo Kiev (Ukraine) 3, Sligo Rovers (Ireland) 1. Scores: Dynamo - Serhiy Kovalev (28th), Vitaly Kozlovsky (90th), Sligo Rovers - Fernandez (74th). Attendance: 30,000. Dynamo wins 3-1 on aggregate.

In Budapest FC VAC (Hungary) 1, Paris St. Germain (France) 2. Scores: FC VAC - Austi Pule (31st), Paris St. Germain - Patrick Mboena (20th, 68th). Attendance: 2,000. Paris St. Germain wins 5-1 on aggregate.

In Geneva Servette (Switzerland) 1, Steaua Bucharest (Romania) 1. Scores: Servette - Peter Schepell (15th), Steaua - Fivra (61st). Attendance: 10,700. Steaua Bucharest wins 5-2 on aggregate.

Yesterday's Cup Winners' Cup results (preliminary round, second leg): In Espoo HJK Helsinki (Finland) 2, Sandviken IF (Sweden) 0. Scores: HJK - Kari Kuitila (1st min), Jussi Saarelainen (80th). Attendance: 700. HJK wins 7-0 on aggregate.

In Schaan Schaan (Liechtenstein) 0, FC Pinar (Bulgaria) 1. Scores: Pinar (2nd). Attendance: 1,150. FC Pinar wins 4-0 on aggregate.

Yesterday's UEFA Cup results (preliminary round, second leg): In Akron Akron (Croatia) 2, Banger City (Wales) 0. Scores: Hamidur Islam (8th), Omer Thorodsson (21st). Attendance: 1,200. Akron wins 4-1 on aggregate.

Romario fined \$77,000

BARCELONA (AP) - Romario's extended three-week vacation cost him \$77,000, a modest fine imposed yesterday that FC Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff said would have been higher if the Brazilian star hadn't returned slightly humbled and repentant.

"If Romario hadn't come back in a good frame of mind, I would have kicked him off the team instantly," Cruyff told reporters after meeting

with Romario and club officials and imposing the 10 million peseta fine.

"He has come back in a humble mood and very open."

Romario, who returned to Spain on Tuesday, angered Cruyff by ignoring an August 1 deadline for his arrival at training camp. The 28-year-old striker said he needed a rest after leading Brazil to the World Cup title last month in the US.

Basketball season begins

JOEL GORDIN

THE 1994/5 basketball season officially gets started tonight when the first leg of the first round of the State Cup gets under way. The second leg of the cup matches will be held Sunday night.

The 12 winners, together with the four clubs which have byes, will go forward to the best-of-16 rounds on September 9 and October 6. The league will start next Thursday night.

Tonight's fixtures are (home team mentioned first): Hapoel Afula vs. Hapoel Holon; Hapoel Nahariya vs. Hapoel Eilat; Maccabi Kiryat Motzkin vs. Maccabi Jerusalem; Maccabi Haifa vs. Hapoel Haifa; Maccabi Ederat vs. Hapoel Galil Elyon; Maccabi Netanya vs. Maccabi Rishon LeZion; Beter Migdal Haemek vs. Beter Ramat Gan; Maccabi Hod Hasharon vs. Elitzur Rishon LeZion; ASA Ramat Hasharon vs. Hapoel Safed; Givat Shmuel vs. Bnei Herzliya; Maccabi Rehovot vs. Hapoel Givatayim; Maccabi Daron Tel Aviv vs. Maccabi Ramat Gan.

Maccabi Tel Aviv, Hapoel Gvat, Hapoel Jerusalem and Hapoel Tel Aviv all have byes.

Davis Cup tickets go on sale

HEATHER CHAIT

WITH less than a month to go before the Davis Cup relegation round tie between Israel and Belgium in Ramat Hasharon, tickets went on sale this week.

Amos Mansdorf - whose ranking has fallen from 56 to 61 at present - and Gilad Bloom (184) are likely to spearhead Israel's battle to remain in the elite 16-nation World Group.

Three years ago, Mansdorf and Bloom suffered a humiliating 4-1 defeat in Brussels which threw Israel into the Euro/African Group.

Their opponents this time will be Filip Dewulf (129) and Xavier Daufresne (156) with Libo Pimek (doubles ranking 48) in the doubles.

A set of marked tickets for the event (September 23 to 25) will cost NIS 110, unmarked seats will be NIS 65 and NIS 30 for soldiers and youth.

A day's ticket will cost NIS 50 (marked), NIS 30 (unmarked) and

NIS 15 (youth).

Gilbert Ysern from France will be the International Tennis Federation referee with Massimo Morelli of Italy and Sweden's Hakam Roos acting as chair umpires.

Play will begin at noon on Friday and Sunday and at 2.15 pm on Saturday.

Meanwhile, an Israeli quartet reached the quarter-finals of the Vanessa Phillips Women's \$10,000 Satellite in Haifa yesterday.

Second-seeded Tzipori Obziler beat Holland's Marietta Bruins 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 while third seed Shiri Brustein defeated Franke Joosten, also from Holland, 6-1, 7-5.

Nataly Cahana stopped qualifier Elissa Burton from Austria 6-2, 6-3 and Meirav Druk, a wildcard entry, won her game against Martina Schaller, from Austria, when Schaller retired with Duck leading 6-4.

Today's games begin at 3 pm.

FIFA slaps Maradona with 15-month soccer ban

ZURICH (Reuters) - Diego Maradona was banned from soccer for 15 months by FIFA yesterday for taking a cocktail of performance-enhancing drugs at the World Cup finals.

Maradona, who tested positive for five stimulants after a first-round match against Nigeria on June 25, was also fined 20,000 Swiss francs (\$15,000).

The Argentine Football Association (AFA) was given a caution, and Daniele Scerif, a medical consultant with the team at the World Cup and held partly responsible for Maradona's positive test, received the same punishment as the player.

Maradona, backed by Argentine President Carlos Menem, decried the suspension as excessively harsh.

"You can tell these guys at FIFA have no families. They really didn't take anything into consideration," Maradona told local television.

Menem, a keen soccer fan, said FIFA had been too hard on the player who enthralled the world with his soccer magic until what local commentators called his last mistake.

"We expected something lighter," Menem told reporters. "We thought expelling him from the World Cup had been enough. This looks like too much, a very harsh punishment."

The International Football Federation refused to make any formal statement about how they reached their decision and the level of the punishment until they had sent a written judgement to Maradona and the AFA.

The suspension is the same as Maradona received for testing positive for cocaine in Italy in 1991, and probably means the end of the 33-year-old's playing career.

With the ban running from June 30, 1994 to September 29 1995, Maradona will be 34 and 11 months when it expires.

The Argentine captain, who graced his country by leading them to World Cup glory in 1986, but who has since disgraced them by being twice caught



CAREER ON HOLD - Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona walks with a medical technician for a random drug test during the World Cup.

using drugs, had been due to play a record 22nd game in the World Cup finals the day he was suspended.

He was not present at the three-hour meeting in Switzerland, and his case was put by manager Marcos Franchi, a lawyer and a football association official.

FIFA press officer Guido Tognoni said: "We do not want to destroy him for his actions. But it was always said we should deal with this case without keeping in mind he was Maradona."

"This case shows FIFA is a credible organization with credible doping tests."

The decision was final, with no means of appeal, FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter said.

FIFA, which was clearly taken by surprise by Maradona's positive test in June, also announced that before the next World Cup finals they would draw up a framework of sanctions for punishing players using drugs.

"At the moment we have a wide range of possible sanctions, but we need more certainty in future. We know we should be more precise next time," said Tognoni.

Maradona was withdrawn from the World Cup by the AFA before FIFA could decide what punishment to hand down after he tested positive for ephedrine, a banned stimulant found in many over-the-counter medicines, and four other related drugs including pseudo-ephedrine.

FIFA suspended him until they could convene a meeting after the World Cup had finished.

FIFA's World Cup Organizing Committee Bureau, chaired by Mexico's Guillermo Canedo and including members from every confederation, reached a unanimous decision yesterday.

Maradona denied any wrongdoing at the time in the US, but both samples taken from the player tested positive.

A FIFA spokesman said no new evidence was offered to the committee yesterday, and that Maradona's lawyer claimed there had been a mix-up in using two similarly-named products.

FIFA official doctor Michel d'Hooghe said at the time of the doping the five identified substances in Maradona's urine sample were not to be found in any single medicine.

Mac. TA hopeful against Keflavik

ORI LEWIS

OF all three Israeli teams in Europe, Maccabi Tel Aviv appeared to have the easiest draw, on paper at least, when it was determined in July that it would face IBK Keflavik of Iceland in the Cup Winners' Cup.

Maccabi proved the pundits right when it returned from Iceland with a 2-1 first-leg away win, while Maccabi Haifa lost 2-1 at home to Casino Salzburg and Hapoel Beersheba was defeated 3-1 by Aris Salonika in Greece.

Haifa and Beersheba have since been knocked out of Europe, but Maccabi can secure a second round berth today if it lets its opponents sweat it out in the heat of Ramat Gan.

The Icelanders arrived here at the beginning of the week to get acclimated. Their home conditions in summer are of a very different kind, with a maximum summer temperature of around 12 degrees Celsius.

The visitors, although strong in build and very determined, are only semi-professional and will be up against opponents who know they do not need to overstretch themselves to stay in the competition for at least one more round.

Maccabi will be at full strength for the game and will be going for victory even though it knows the Icelanders must win 2-0 for outright victory or 2-1 to force extra time and penalties.

In a related matter, the IFA's tribunal threw out Maccabi Tel Aviv's petition to force the IFA to put off its season-opening National League game against Ironi Ashdod to Sunday.

Maccabi claimed it will have to play Ashdod only four hours after its game against Keflavik and should be given another day to recover.

In passing judgement, Judge Dov Levin said that Maccabi had had over a month to appeal but had left the matter to the last minute. The court therefore saw no reason to put off the game.

O.J. reportedly part of NFL's All-Time Team

PITTSBURGH (AP) - O.J. Simpson has been named to the NFL's All-Time Team, a newspaper reported Tuesday, although the league refused to comment.

The list was published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, but it won't be released officially until next Tuesday when the NFL presents many of the players at a news conference in New York in conjunction with the league's 75th anniversary.

Simpson, who faces trial next month for the murder of his ex-wife and her friend, was one of six running backs on the team, the newspaper said. The 49-man squad team was selected by a panel of former players, NFL and Pro Football Hall of Fame officials and media members.

Simpson first gained fame in the late 1960s when he won the highest award in college football, the Heisman Trophy, as a running back for the University of Southern California.

Sutton, Shearer pave way for Blackburn win

LONDON (Reuters) - Chris Sutton and Alan Shearer showed why Blackburn boss Kenny Dalglish splashed out £8.3 million on them with a brilliant display in a 3-0 home victory over Leicester in the English Premier League on Tuesday.

The two strikers, playing together for only the second time, scored once each and were also involved in the third.

Arsenal, rated potential contenders for the title, suffered a surprising defeat when goalkeeper Dave Seaman blundered away a goal in the 89th minute of a 1-0 loss to Leeds.

Blackburn, second to Manchester United last season, started in a mood

which threatened to sweep the promoted Leicester side away, with Sutton prominent.

The former Norwich man, 21, converted a pass from Shearer in the 19th minute with a drive from six meters that left goalkeeper Gavin Ward powerless.

Leicester fought back unavailingly before Blackburn regained its earlier dominance with a 59th minute goal.

A cross to the far post set up a firm header from Sutton which Shearer touched before Norwegian Henning Berg helped the ball over the line.

Shearer's late goal came on a rebound.

At Leeds, England keeper Seaman

handed Leeds a last-gasp victory - in front of England coach Terry Venables.

Seaman allowed a speculative 35-yard drive from substitute Noel Whelan to squeeze past him with under two minutes remaining.

Arsenal's Ian Wright had previously looked the most likely to break the deadlock but was foiled two times by former Arsenal goalkeeper John Lukic.

In the other game on the Premier League program, midfielder Simon Milton, on his 31st birthday, equaled his entire league goal output for last season with the 61st minute equalizer for Ipswich against Wimbledon.

Wimbledon seemed to be coasting towards victory courtesy of Dean Holdsworth's pile-driver when Milton punished a defensive error.

Chris Kilmory's flick confused the Wimbledon defense and Scott Fitzgerald misjudged in attempting to clear, but only deflected the ball into the path of Milton who beat Hans Segers from eight yards.

Holdsworth's 19th minute rising drive from 20 meters had given Wimbledon the lead.

Tuesday's Premier League results: Blackburn 3, Leicester 0; Leeds 1, Arsenal 0; Wimbledon 1, Ipswich 1.

Owners, players hold 1st talks since strike's start

NEW YORK (AP) - The two sides in the baseball labor dispute met yesterday for the first time since the strike began 13 days ago.

Management presented its views during the first part of the session and then players did the same. Negotiators then called a break so the players could talk among themselves.

"Things are not at the stage where I can make any comments or judgments," players' union head Donald Fehr said.

"It's too early to tell whether anything happened that will be consequential in the process," said Richard Ravitch, management's chief negotiator.

With the strike in its 13th day, there was no sign owners will alter their demand for a salary cap or that players will ever accept one.

Players have insisted that the salary cap is an attempt by the owners to make them pay for the owners' failures to agree on how to share television revenues between clubs in small

and large markets.

"If they stick with a salary cap, players are going to play a lot of golf," Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Brett Butler said after the union delegation met with federal mediators for about two hours Tuesday.

Management representatives also met separately with the mediators for about 3 1/2 hours.

When both sides went behind closed doors late yesterday, owners were at the bargaining table for the first time in nearly 4 1/2 years.

"Everyone had a different way of articulating their concerns for the economics of the game," said Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington, the spokesman for the group.

"But the unanimity of the final message was that we have to bring about some fundamental change to the player compensation system in order to ensure the future viability of the game."

The players went on strike August 12.

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Cabinet approves cuts in school security budget

THE cabinet yesterday approved a NIS 90 million budget, NIS 30m. less than last year, for guarding schools in the coming academic year.

Last year, parents paid NIS 30m. for school safety, but this year they will be exempt from payment. The local councils will continue to contribute their share of the budget - 12 percent, according to Deputy Education Minister Micha Goldman.

Goldman told the cabinet that the cuts had been made possible by efficiency measures. "The extent of the guard duty will be the same," Goldman said, "only it will cost less because the system has been improved."

But MK Limor Livnat (Likud), who chairs the Knesset sub-committee on ensuring the safety of educational institutions, said she would call an urgent session since the "strange decision" would affect pupil safety. "The govern-

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ment is busy cutting budgets for the safety of schoolchildren while simultaneously giving hundreds of millions to the kibbutzim," she said.

To this, Goldman responded: "The government's budget has not changed by one agora. Only the parents do not have to pay. The level of safety will remain the same."

A spokesman for the Union of Local Councils said it supported the government's decision in a belief the budget would suffice to cover all security needs.

By cutting payments by parents, or the need for parents to do guard duty themselves, the ministry has avoided a strike which threatened to keep the schools closed on September 1.

Outlining the changes in the system for the coming year, Goldman said that school guards

and safety inspectors would cooperate more closely with the police. Their communications system would be adjusted to the police wavelengths, making real-time coordination possible.

He said that the plan had been approved by the prime minister's adviser on terror. Security experts had advised the inspectors as to where it would be possible to cut the number of officers in an inspection van. In certain schools, fewer guards would be needed because one guard could man the entrance if the area was fenced in.

Goldman said that there was hardly an educational institution, however small, that does not have a telephone or emergency connection to the police.

Meanwhile, the Education Ministry has set up a committee to advise it on protecting educational institutions in the future by April of next year.

Official slammed over decision not to dismiss Ofakim school principal

AMIR ROZENBLIT

A STORM is brewing in Ofakim over a decision by Education Ministry Director-General Dr. Shimon Shoshani to leave a principal accused of physically and verbally abusing pupils in his post.

Shoshani's decision overturned an earlier one to suspend Yosef Hajbi, principal of the Negev town's Mercat Hano'ar school, which was taken by a committee appointed by regional supervisor Dr. Amram Malitz.

Instead, Shoshani decided to place a "director-general's warning" in Hajbi's personnel file.

The committee also recommended the transfer of three

teachers who had organized a letter complaining about Hajbi.

On hearing of the decision, Ofakim local council head Micha Herman sent a stinging letter to Shoshani, saying the local council would not cooperate with the decision and demanded it be rescinded immediately.

Hajbi, who has been principal of Mercat Hano'ar for some 20 years, denied all the charges against him.

The school, which is administered by the Youth Aliya Department of the Jewish Agency and the Education Ministry, serves some 100 youths classified as "problem pupils."

Parents' group wants schools to refund 'illegal' charges

THE National Parents' Association is threatening to petition the High Court of Justice unless schools return money its maintains parents were illegally forced to pay.

Association chairman Shai Lachman told a press conference that parents were charged for such things as photocopying, security guards, and computers, and that sometimes they were threatened that children would not be enrolled in the schools if they refused to pay.

Such threats are illegal, Lachman claimed, because they contradict an order by Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein that enrollment must not be made dependent on payment of such fees.

"The education system was in a state of complete anarchy concerning parents' payments," Lachman said.

The association further warned it will allow only veterans of IDF combat units to do guard duty at schools. (Iim)

Three die in road accidents

HAIM SHAPIRO and Iim

THREE people were killed in traffic accidents yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported that 38 people died in road accidents last month. The bureau said that the police had recorded 1,713 accidents, 36 of them fatal, in which there were injuries during the month. There were 243 accidents with serious injuries.

This represented a 9 percent drop in accidents and an 11 percent decrease in the number of injured over July 1993.

In Ramat Gan, Ronen Cohen, 30, of Bat Yam, was killed early yesterday morning when his car slammed into a truck which was totally blocking Jabotinsky Street as it delivered a crane to a building site. The reason for the accident is a mystery as there were signs indicating the street was blocked and two policemen were directing traffic around the area.

Amit Yosepov, 18, of Petah Tikva, was killed when his van swerved from its lane and collided head on with a truck near Kochav Yair. Another man was seriously injured.

Yitzhak Levy, 46, of Nahariya, was killed when for unknown reasons he lost control of his car at the entrance to the city, ran up onto a traffic island, and hit a tree.



Romanian police chief Maj.-Gen. Ion Pitulescu (center) displays recovered treasure in Bucharest yesterday. The relics were stolen from the Jewish museum in Budapest last year and are estimated to be worth some \$200 million. Two suspects have been apprehended and are to be charged with theft. (AP)

Cabinet delays decision on re-opening Machpela Cave

HERB KEINON

NO decision on when to reopen Hebron's Machpela Cave was taken at a special cabinet meeting yesterday, where ministers were briefed by top security officials about the security situation there.

A number of cabinet ministers, who wanted to remain anonymous, said they did not believe the cave - closed February 25 after the Hebron massacre - would be opened before Rosh Hashana, which falls on September 6.

Settlement leaders in Kiryat Arba and Hebron have been pressing the government to open the cave in time for the holidays, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reportedly told National Religious Party and Shas MKs in separate meetings last week it would indeed be open by then.

Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau and Eliahu Bakshi-Doron are scheduled to visit the cave

this morning. The rabbis, in a meeting with Rabin earlier this week, asked that the cave be open for the holidays, but Lau said afterward he did not think this would happen.

The Shamgar Committee that investigated the massacre recommended that Jewish and Moslem worshippers at the cave be separated, but did not spell out what the separation should be.

The two options before the government are either to allow Jews and Moslems in the cave for prayer at different times or to set aside separate Jewish and Moslem areas in the cave.

The government also must decide on the size of the IDF force needed to provide security in and around the cave.

Meanwhile, the Hebron-based Committee for the Machpela Cave is planning a massive recitation on Saturday night of penitential (sil-hot) prayers in front of the cave.

Noam Arnon, a spokesman for the committee and the Jewish settlement in Hebron, said the continued closure of the cave is a "violation of the religious rights of the Jewish people and is collective punishment for the acts of a single person."

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Petition from Deri's lawyers to be heard on Monday

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice on Monday will hear two petitions by attorneys for former interior minister Aryeh Deri, asking that they not be forced to represent him at his upcoming trial.

The trial is due to start next Thursday.

Attorney Dan Avi-Yitzhak, in a petition filed Tuesday, said that alternatively, he would be willing to represent Deri if hearings are held only three days a week, instead of four.

However, Deri's other attorney, Amnon Zichroni, did not make this offer in a similar petition filed yesterday.

Both attorneys argued that the Jerusalem District Court had no right, in its decision last week, to force them to represent Deri,

since their contract with him covered only the preliminary hearings.

While a court can force a lawyer to continue representing someone once they have started, in this case neither lawyer ever agreed to take Deri's case, the petitions argued.

Limited powers of attorney are common practice, and Deri, the prosecution and the court were all aware of the limits on this particular power of attorney, the petitions continued.

"The right of a court to force the creation of an attorney-client relationship on a lawyer and a defendant is not found anywhere in Israeli law," Zichroni wrote in

his petition.

Both petitions also argued that the district court's decision would harm future defendants, because attorneys would be afraid to give them any assistance for fear of being forced to stay on the case, and lawyers who felt they were forced to serve a client would probably give much less loyal service, the petitions said.

Zichroni also challenged the district court's argument that if he and Avi-Yitzhak were allowed to resign, other lawyers would start signing new powers of attorney for each session of a trial to retain the right to quit whenever they pleased.

"This case is exceptional, because of the unprecedented length of the proceedings and the defendant's injunction against his lawyers working on Shabbat," he wrote.

"The chances that a defendant would agree, in [ordinary] cases, to risk being left without an attorney during the course of a trial, are very slim," Zichroni wrote. "[Thus] the chance that limited powers of attorney such as this would be used as an escape mechanism by attorneys in other cases is very small."

The proof of this, he said, is that Deri himself agreed to the limited power of attorney only after several other law offices turned him down flat.

Police probe disappearance of funds from Histadrut union

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TEL Aviv police are investigating the disappearance of tens of thousands of shekels from the account of the Dieticians Union, which is part of the Paramedical Workers' Union.

The Histadrut comptroller has also been asked to look into the affair, in which signatures of the union heads were apparently forged on at least one check, which was used to withdraw NIS 35,000 from the union's account.

Paramedical Union secretary Dalia Klishevsky, who reported the missing checks to both the police and the Histadrut comptroller, said they were probably stolen from her office some months ago, when she was on leave abroad.

Klishevsky only learned of the missing checks 10 days ago, when she received bank accounts indicating that one check, for NIS 35,000, had been deposited and the cash drawn against it, she said.

In order to cash the check, two signatures were required - Klishevsky's and Aviva Shemesh of the Dieticians Union.

The bank honored the check and paid the sum in full to the person who presented it, although it is clear from the zerox copy of the check that Shemesh's signature is forged.

Klishevsky's signature does not appear at all - instead there is a rubber stamp of her signature.

The police and Histadrut are checking if Klishevsky had anything to do with the illegal clearance of the check at the bank and why the bank cleared the check.

Histadrut Trade Union Department chairman MK Amir Peretz met Klishevsky earlier this week to clarify the matter, at the request of the Dieticians Union.

Peretz said he would wait for the outcome of the police investigation before deciding on what steps to take.

Peretz also spoke to Histadrut Treasurer Haim Oron and asked him to examine all the Histadrut trade unions' bank accounts.

Rabin to investigate possible Shas 'shmitta' fraud

EVELYN GORDON

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin has agreed to investigate whether money meant to support shmitta programs was diverted to Shas institutions.

Rabin said he would look into the matter in response to a complaint by Amitai - Citizens for Good Government.

Amitai's complaint revolves around NIS 7 million authorized by the Knesset finance committee to support shmitta-observant yeshivot. The money was to be disbursed by the Religious Affairs Ministry, of which Rabin is the acting head.

Amitai claims to have received information indicating that most

of the money was actually transferred to institutions affiliated with Shas.

Shas runs a number of study programs for members of shmitta-observant moshavim. However, Amitai claims that some of the institutions which received this money do not deal with shmitta at all.

The organization also charged that it is not clear what became of some of the money, totaling some NIS 1.8 million.

In response to Amitai's complaint, cabinet secretary Shmuel Hollander sent a letter to Amitai saying that Rabin had appointed him to investigate the issue.

Egyptian Foreign Minister to visit for talks

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa will visit Israel next Tuesday for talks on improving bilateral relations and speeding up the Israeli-Arab peace process.

The Egyptian Foreign Ministry said yesterday that Moussa would meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Egyptian ministers of tourism, economics and science are scheduled for later trips, ministry officials said. (AP)

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